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SUBJECT: KREISKY TO VISIT PRAGUE IN MID-FEBRUARY

1. ACCORDING TO MFA COMMUNIST RELATIONS SECTION CHIEF
MINISTER TARTER, CHANCELLOR KREISKY WILL MAKE OFFICIAL
TWO-DAY VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA ON FEBRUARY 16-17. OFFICIAL
ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISIT EXPECTED LATER THIS MONTH.

2. KREISKY VISIT WILL BE HISTORIC ONE; IT WILL BE FIRST
VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA OF AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR SINCE
EMERGENCE OF INDEPENDENT CZECHOSLOVAK STATE AFTER WORLD WAR I.

3. VISIT EXPECTED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL IMPETUS TO
EXPANDING AUSTRO-CZECHOSLOVAK RELATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN
IN PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION SINCE SIGNATURE OF BILATERAL
CLAIMS AGREEMENT IN LATE 1974.

4. PROGRAM OF VISIT FORESEES, IN ADDITION TO USUAL
TOP-LEVEL ROUND OF TALKS WITH CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT
LEADERS, MEETING WITH CZECHOSLOVAK CP CHAIRMAN HUSAK.
TALKS ARE EXPECTED TO RANGE OVER WHOLE PANOPLY OF
BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL INTERESTS, WITH CZECHS
EXPECTED TO STRESS STRENGTHENING OF DETENTE, EXPANDING
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OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND MORE GOVERNMENTALLY

ADMINISTERED EXCHANGE VISITS IN ALL FIELDS.
AUSTRIANS, FOR THEIR PART, ARE MORE INTERESTED IN CSCE
BASKET III ITEMS: E.G. EASIER ISSUANCE OF VISITORS
VISAS, INFORMATION ACCESS AND PUBLICATIONS DISTRIBUTION,
FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND OPENING OF ADDITIONAL BORDER
CROSSING POINTS.BUCHANAN

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